

Special Session

Agenda Item #	1
Meeting Date	October 1, 2007
Prepared By	Peggye F. Washington Executive Assistant
Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews, City Manager

Discussion Item	Resolution of Commendation to Dave Lorentz on his Years of Service to the Citizens of the City of Takoma Park
Background	<p>Long-time resident and arts and humanities advocate Dave Lorentz has relocated from the City of Takoma Park to Pennsylvania.</p> <p>Mr. Lorentz is founder of the Takoma Park JazzFest, and has served various positions in Council-appointed committees, advisory boards, and other citizens' groups.</p>
Policy	The Council may adopt ceremonial resolutions to honor individuals and their contributions to the community.
Fiscal Impact	None
Attachments	Resolution Commending Dave Lorentz
Recommendation	City Council to approve resolution.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by:

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION 2007-

**Recognizing Dave Lorentz for His Contributions
to the Arts in the Takoma Park Community**

- WHEREAS,** Dave Lorentz and his wife Juanita Kus-Lorentz are leaving Takoma Park this fall to retire to a small country town in Pennsylvania; AND,
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lorentz has been a member of the Takoma Park Symphony Orchestra (TPSO) since 1989, serving as the TPSO's Librarian, as well as Program Editor and Concert Producer for orchestral and chamber music; he co-founded the TPSO Board of Directors and served as President from 1996-2004; and under his supervision, the TPSO made money in its first seven seasons; AND,
- WHEREAS,** He founded the Takoma Park JazzFest in 1999; since then he has been the JazzFest's Executive Producer, President and grant-writer; AND,
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lorentz joined the Takoma Park Folk Festival in 1994 and served on the Board of Directors and as a food coordinator; he remained a member until 1999; AND,
- WHEREAS,** In 1999, Mr. Lorentz was appointed to the first Citizens Committee which reviewed potential locations and designs for the new Takoma Park Community Center and both he and Ms. Kus-Lorentz served on various advisory committees that contributed to the final design and construction of the Community Center; AND,
- WHEREAS,** In 2003, Mr. Lorentz was appointed to the Advisory Board of a dormant local funding foundation to help revive the Takoma Foundation, where he helped to plan a strategy to raise funds for the new Takoma Park Community Center and other community needs; AND,
- WHEREAS,** Mr. Lorentz was appointed by the City Council to the Takoma Park Arts & Humanities Commission from 2003 to 2004; and he was elected by the Commission to the office of Second Vice-Chairman.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, staff and residents, that we thank Dave Lorentz for his many contributions to the arts in our community and wish him well in his new home.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2007.

Kathryn H. Porter
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk